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GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE OF WORLD FOOD PROGRAM, SEP-
TEMBER 29 - OCTOBER 3, 1975, INVOLVING SENEGALESE
AMBASSADOR TO FAO DIOURY

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SUMMARY. IN ABSENCE OF FORMER PAKISTAN AMBASSADOR AS FIRST
VICE CHAIRMAN OF IGC/WFP, COMMITTEE OF WHOLE IN THAT SESSION
WILL NORMALLY BE PRESIDED OVER BY SECOND VICE CHAIRMAN, SENE-
GALESE AMBASSADOR TO FAO SIDI MOHAMMED (DANIEL) DIOURY, WHO
DESPITE U.S. REPRESENTATIONS TO SENEGALESE GOVERNMENT REGARD-
ING HIS BEHAVIOUR IN WORLD FOOD COUNCIL SESSION IN JUNE 1975,
STILL REMAINS ON SCENE. NETHERLANDS AMBASSADOR TO FAO ABE
TUINMAN, WHO IS CHAIRMAN OF IGC/WFP CONSULTED SEPTEMBER 19
WITH U.S. REPRESENTATIVE ON PROBLEM. TUINMAN SAYS PRESENT
PAKISTAN AMBASSADOR STATES THAT HIS PREDECESSOR HAD NOT IN
FACT CHECKED HIS ELECTION AS FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN WITH HIS
GOVERNMENT AS HE ALLEGED AT TIME. TUINMAN IS INCLINED TO FAVOR
LETTING SITUATION RIDE, WITH ABSENT PAKISTAN AMBASSADOR KHAN
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REMAINING NOMINALLY FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN, AND SECOND VICE

CHAIRMAN DIOURY CHAIRING THE COMMITTEE OF WHOLE BUT NOT ASSUMING POSITION OF FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN. TUINMAN BELIEVES THAT TO OPPOSE DIOURY'S CHAIRING COMMITTEE OF WHOLE WOULD SOLIDIFY G-77 BACKING.

1. TRADITION IN GIC/WFP IS THAT FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN CHAIRS COMMITTEE OF WHOLE, AND SUCCEEDS TO CHAIRMANSHIP AT NEXT ELECTION. SUCCESSION DOES NOT APPLY TO SECOND VICE CHAIRMAN, WHI IS ELECTED AFRESH EACH TIME.

2. WHEN PAKISTAN AMBASSADOR ATTA AHMAD KHAN WAS ELECTED FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN IN SPRING SESSION, HE ASSURED WORLD FOOD PROGRAM SECRETARIAT AND OTHER COUNTRIES INVOLVED THAT HE HAD CHECKED WITH HIS COUNTRY AS TO HIS AVAILABILITY. KHAN WAS NAMED AMBASSADOR IN YUGOSLAVIA IN EARLY SUMMER AND REPLACED BY ANOTHER AMBASSADOR KHAN, WHO DENIES THAT HIS PREDECESSOR HAD CHECKED WITH THE PAKISTAN GOVERNMENT AS TO AVAILABILITY. ONE POSSIBILITY OF COURSE WOULD BE TO PRESS PAKISTAN GOVERNMENT TO RETURN KHAN HERE FOR IGC/WFP SESSION, TO BLOCK DIOURY OUT. THIS WOULD GIVE KHAN CLEAR LEAD TO SUCCEED TO CHAIRMANSHIP OF IGC/WFP, EVEN THOUGH IT WILL BE RECONSTITUTED AS COMMITTEE ON FOOD AID POLICIES AND PROGRAMS. ALTHOUGH KHAN HAS PERFORMED GENERALLY WELL IN VARIOUS CHAIRMANSHIPS AND OTHER POSITIONS, HE IS NOT ALL THAT GOOD, AND NOW NO LONGER HAS THE BACKING OF HIS GOVERNMENT FOR SUCH A ROLE.

3. CHAIRMAN TUINMAN, THE NETHERLANDS REPRESENTATIVE TO FAO, IS INCLINED TO FAVOR LETTING DIOURY CHAIR COMMITTEE OF WHOLE AS SECOND VICE CHAIRMAN, BUT IS NOT SET IN THIS OPINION AND IS GENUINELY CONSULTING WITH UNITED STATES AND OTHER GOVERNMENTS. TUINMAN, AND TO LESSER EXTENT U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO FAO, HAVE SOME HOPES THAT DIOURY MIGHT BEHAVE BETTER AS CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE OF WHOLE THAN AS NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE, PARTICULARLY IF HE HOPES TO MAKE CREDITABLE RECORD AND POSSIBLY WORK TOWARD HIGHER POST IN HIERARCHY NEXT TIME. THIS IS HARD TO BE SURE OF. ALTHOUGH HE IS PLEASANT IN PERSONAL DEALINGS, HE BECAME HIGHLY EMOTIONAL AND IRRATIONAL IN MEETINGS, AND HAS SAID ON MANY OCCASIONS THAT HE IS SPEAKING HIS OWN MIND, THAT HE SEES NO NEED TO SEEK GUIDANCE FROM HIS GOVERNMENT. IF END SOLUTION IS TO GO ALONG WITH DIOURY'S CHAIRMANSHIP OF COMMITTEE OF WHOLE, WE WOULD PROBABLY WISH AT MINIMUM TO MAKE IT CLEAR TO OTHER COUNTRIES THAT WE REGARD THIS AS ONE TIME SITUATION WITH NO BASIS FOR ADVANCING HIM TO FIRST VICE CHAIRMANSHIP OR TO CHAIRMANSHIP IN ABSENCE OF PAKISTAN FIRST VICE CHAIRMANSHIP OR TO CHAIRMANSHIP IN ABSENCE OF PAKISTAN FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN.

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4. ANOTHER ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS TO

GOVERNMENT OF SENEGAL, REMINDING THEM OF THEIR ASSURANCE THEY
WOULD REMOVE HIM--WHICH THEY HAD INDICATED PREVIOUSLY, WITH-
OUT RESULT. WE COULD SEEK HIS IMMEDIATE REMOVAL, TO ENABLE
FREE ELECTION OF NEW FIRST AND SECOND VICE CHAIRMEN, OR WE
COULD PRESS THEM TO ADMONISH HIM STRICTLY FOR THIS SESSION
AND REMOVE HIM THEREAFTER. VOLPE

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